

Cohasset's Second Town Hall



LUNCH BREAK is enjoyed at the Log & Line by Ed Tower, left, and Arthur Clark who make the spot a regular stop in their rounds.

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Georgie Jednick invites us all back to his place for clam fritters.

Two self-employed young men meet up with each other, decide to heck with work for the rest of the afternoon, and take off for the Barnside.

Randy Feola saunters in, says "Hiya sweetie" to the females in the shop and Lord-only-knows-what to everyone else.

Although official town business is heard by the town's governing boards, the unofficial, and usually the first word, is heard at the Log and Line, the second Town Hall. And there is controversy as to whether current issues should be let out of the bag before they pass through doors of the real Town Hall.

"If you want to keep abreast of town news, its the place to go," attested Harry Ritter. "It's the old cracker-barrel, the place where you mug up with a cup of coffee and . . ." The end of Harry's statement is far too salty to print.

Arthur Clark arrives, not at all out of breath from a bike ride from West Corner. He does not see the discussions at the Log and Line as ingredients in a political melting-pot. "I enjoy it here, I enjoy meeting the people, my friends, there. It's a gathering place where people social-

ize and take a coffee break."

Peter Laugelle refrains from comment, in his usual cooperative fashion.

Ralph Perencello chews on his cigar.

Owner Peter Kulterides attests: "I've worked all over, Framingham, Natick, Needham . . . and this is the best place, with the best people." Peter himself is engrossed in conversation with a patron, displaying once again that the clientele makes the Log and Line what it is — success.

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TM Articles Attract Attention

Town Meeting articles are the center of attraction these days, and the order in which they appear in the warrant is also an attention-getter, in more ways than one.

Selectmen voted to swap the position of Articles 75 and 76, the last two articles on the warrant, with Nos. 15 and 16.

Daniel Cotton, chairman of the Town Offices Space Needs Study Committee, was disturbed that the article which proposes his committee's renovation plan came as the next to last article on the warrant, Article 75. Cotton said he would like to see the article in the first part of the warrant, or in the teens, to insure consideration of the article when the meeting was sure to attract a quorum and when the committee and architect who prepared the plan would be able to attend.

"All nine members want to be present," Cotton said.

"We have worked over two years, we have had 30 meetings," Cotton felt his committee had more fully researched and had kept better records of their proceedings than had any other town board he has served in the past.

Selectmen indicated the article had been placed at the end of the warrant to keep people coming to the meetings. They stressed there was no deliberate effort for the article to receive inadequate consideration by placing it at the end of the warrant.

Cotton said he understood the Selectmen's dilemma but found it ironic to think the Town Hall article would be thought of as the controversial item that would keep people at the meeting, when the committee purposely worked to

keep the issue unemotional.

The article submitted by Cotton and the next and last article in the warrant, the article which requests money to buy the professional building on Rte. 3A for use as a Town Hall will now appear within the first third of the warrant.

Town Hall Renovation

Cohasset Building Inspector James Litchfield and State Building Inspector Joseph Diccio traveled again this week to the state Building Code Commission to discuss plans to renovate the Town Hall.

Litchfield said the modified renovation plan, submitted by the Town Offices Space Needs Study Committee, were further reviewed by the commission Monday and were not approved.

"The plans weren't approved because they lacked information on specifications in all areas," Litchfield said. He added that the plans were without sufficient clarity and didn't signify elevation and detailed dimensions to conform to building code requirements.

The most recent changes the committee's plan has undergone include enlargement of the first floor offices of the Selectmen, the Selectmen's clerk and the town clerk, second floor elimination of a file room and a change in the proposed location of the con-

ference room.

A basement plan for the Recreation Department was also noted, relocating that office from what is now the side of the front foyer to a small kitchen under the stage area in the basement.

Litchfield said he plans to submit a letter of his findings, corroborated by commission staff engineer David MacArney and Diccio, to chairman of the study committee, Daniel Cotton, to assist in that committee's meeting later this week.

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